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	Examiner James A. Reagan	Art Unit 3621	

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 June 2004.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

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DETAILED ACTION

Status of Claims

1. This action is in response to the amendment filed on 16 June 2004.
2. Claims 1, 8, 10, 11, and 18-20 have been amended.
3. Claims 1-20 have been examined.

RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS

4. Applicant's arguments received on have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Referring to the previous Office action, Examiner has cited relevant portions of the references as a means to illustrate the systems as taught by the prior art. As a means of providing further clarification as to what is taught by the references used in the first Office action, Examiner has expanded the teachings for comprehensibility while maintaining the same grounds of rejection of the claims, except as noted above in the section labeled "Status of Claims." This information is intended to assist in illuminating the teachings of the references while providing evidence that establishes further support for the rejections of the claims.
5. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

6. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

7. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneck et al, (US 5,933,498 A) in view of Alexander et al. (US 6,134,593 A).

Examiner's Note: The Examiner has pointed out particular references contained in the prior art of record within the body of this action for the convenience of the Applicant. Although the specified citations are representative of the teachings in the art and are applied to the specific limitations within the individual claim, other passages and figures may apply. Applicant, in preparing the response, should consider fully the entire reference as potentially teaching all or part of the claimed invention, as well as the context of the passage as taught by the prior art or disclosed by the Examiner.

Claims 1, 11, and 20:

Schneck, as shown, discloses:

- *A method for restricting the installation of a software product onto a local machine (see at least Abstract; Summary of the Invention),*
- *generating an installer identifier based on the software product in response to a request to install the software product on the local machine (see at least*

Fig 1-3; associated text; Fig 3: Items 127, 128, 130: "Version Number 127; Authentication 128; License Number of these Rules 130);

- *comparing the generated installer identifier to a stored installer identifier (see at least above citations; Fig 10(a-b); Col 17-20: "The Accessing Operation");*
- *storing a license file on the local machine in response to a match between the generated installer identifier and the stored installer identifier (see at least Fig 11; associated text; Col 22, L51 - C24, L38; Schneck's "Rules" are equivalent to applicant's "license"); and*
- *enabling a complete installation [and execution - claim 11] of the software product on the local machine, in response to the match between the generated installer identifier and the stored installer identifier (see at least all above citations; Col 30, L6-47);*
- *whereby the license file can be subsequent accessed to enable the execution of the completely installed software product on the local machine (see at least same citation as above).*

Schneck does not specifically disclose that the above teachings may be applied to software installation on a local machine, with software identifiers as particularly claimed by the instant invention. Alexander, however, in an analogous are directed explicitly to the installation of software product onto client machines, does disclose the se features. See at least the brief summary and other detailed and associated text. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to combine the System for Controlling Access and Distribution of Digital Property as disclosed by Schneck with Alexander's software installation techniques because software is a subset of digital property.

Claims 2 and 12:

The combination of Schneck/Alexander discloses all the limitations of claims 1, and 11. Schneck further discloses *a computer readable medium having stored thereon computer-executable instructions for performing the method of claims 1 and 11* (see at least Col 7, L27-34).

Claims 3 and 13:

The combination of Schneck/Alexander discloses all the limitations of claims 1, and 11. Schneck further discloses *the generated installer identifier represent a characteristic of the software product* (see at least Fig 3; associated text; Col 10, L59 - Col 11, L43).

Claims 4 and 14:

The combination of Schneck/Alexander discloses all the limitations of claims 1, and 11. Schneck further discloses *the generated installer identifier represents a characteristic of a software product media on which the software product is stored* (see at least Fig 3; associated text; Col 10, L59 - Col 11, L43).

Claims 5 and 15:

The combination of Schneck/Alexander discloses all the limitations of claims 1, and 11. Schneck further discloses *the generated installer identifier represents a characteristic of a file list corresponding to the software product media* (see at least Fig 3; associated text; Col 10, L59 - Col 11, L43).

Claims 6 and 16:

The combination of Schneck/Alexander discloses all the limitations of claims 1, and 11. Schneck further discloses *the generated installer identifier is a hash value representing the*

characteristic of the file list corresponding to the software product media (see at least Fig 3, "Authentication (hash) 128").

Claims 7 and 17:

The combination of Schneck/Alexander discloses all the limitations of claims 1, and 11. Schneck further discloses *receiving a software product key* (see at least Fig 5; associated text; Col 12, L1-65).

Claims 8 and 18:

The combination of Schneck/Alexander discloses all the limitations of claims 1, and 11. Schneck further discloses *installing on the local machine at least one run-time file associated with the software product, in response to a determination that the received software product key is a correct software product key* (see at least Col 18, L52-61; Col 34, L14-28).

As per claim 9:

The combination of Schneck/Alexander discloses all the limitations of claims 1, and 11. Schneck further discloses *executing a set-up program* (see at least Col 30, L5-28).

Claims 10 and 19:

The combination of Schneck/Alexander discloses all the limitations of claims 1, and 11. Schneck further discloses *the license file is stored in a hardware signature file* (see at least Col 7, L63 - Col 8, L5; Col 12, L1-16).

Conclusion

8. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).
9. A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, **James Trammell** can be reached at (703) 305-9768.

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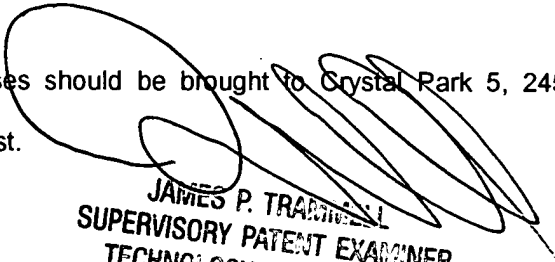
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